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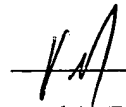
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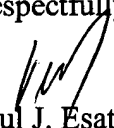
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3. JP Patent Kokai Publication No. JP-2002-99840A, dated April 5, 2002;
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Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification. Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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